

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

The paragraph beginning on Page 1, line 14 is amended as follows:

There are many hazardous activities that can be made safer by warning people using safety signs. Specific examples include, but are not limited to, signs on ~~snow plows~~ snowplows to warn traffic as they approach from behind, slow moving vehicle signs such as are commonly attached to farm vehicles, oversized load signs on the back of highway transportation vehicles, road construction signs, etc.

The paragraph beginning at page 4, line 29 is amended as follows:

Figure 2 shows an embodiment of a safety sign 200. The safety sign 200 includes an EL lighting surface 210, and a power source 212 coupled to the EL lighting surface 210. In one embodiment, the power source 212 includes an AC power source. In one embodiment, the power source 212 includes a DC power source coupled to an AC converter. In one embodiment, the power source is supplied by a power hook up on a vehicle. A layer 220 is also included, with a pattern 222 located on the layer 220. In Figure 2, the layer 220 includes a transparent layer. The pattern 222 in Figure 2 is substantially opaque. Embodiments of patterns 222 include, but are not limited to, text, numbers, symbols, shapes, etc. The safety sign 200 operates by transmitting light from the EL lighting surface 210 through portions of the layer 220 that are not obscured by the pattern 222. As used herein, the term “vehicle” refers to two-wheeled, three-wheeled and four-wheeled automobiles, trucks, semi’s, fire engines, trains, rail cars, snowplows, bicycles, police cars, buses, ~~ambulances~~ ambulances, and any other vehicle having safety needs.

The paragraph beginning at page 6, line 29 is amended as follows:

Figure 6 shows one embodiment of a safety sign 600. The safety sign 600 includes an EL lighting surface 610. In one embodiment the shape of the safety sign 600 is dictated by a government standard. In Figure 6, the EL lighting surface 610 of the safety sign 600 is substantially rectangular in shape. In Figure 6, a width 612 of the EL lighting surface 610 is

approximately 72 inches. In Figure 6, a height 614 of the EL lighting surface 610 is approximately 8.5 inches. A pattern 616 is included on the safety ~~sing~~ sign 600 similar to embodiments described above. In one embodiment the pattern includes a text message that states "Stay Back - Stay Alive." In one embodiment the pattern includes a text message that states "Oversized Load." Any number of safety messages are possible within the scope of the invention. In addition to text, as described above, shapes or symbols are also possible to convey a message of safety. For example, a triangle may be used to indicate a slow moving vehicle.

The paragraph beginning on Page 7, line 11 is amended as follows:

Figure 7 shows an embodiment of a method utilizing safety signs as described in embodiments above. A road 710 is shown with a number of lanes 712. A number of vehicles 720 are shown on the road in a formation. In one embodiment, the vehicles 720 include ~~snow plows~~ snowplows. Other embodiments of vehicles include, but are not limited to, road graders, dump trucks, various construction equipment, road transportation vehicles, flat bed trucks, etc. The vehicles 720 as shown in Figure 7 are ~~snow plows~~ snowplows, each vehicle 720 including a plow 722. In one embodiment, a safety sign 724 as described in embodiments above is affixed to at least one vehicle 720. In one embodiment, the vehicles 720 guide off each other in alignment using the safety signs 724. In one embodiment, the safety signs 724 are affixed to the rear of the vehicles 720. In one embodiment, the safety signs 724 are affixed to the front of the vehicles 720. One of ordinary skill in the art, having the benefit of the present specification will appreciate that several possible formations of vehicles are possible within the scope of the invention.

Applicant has amended spelling informalities as suggested by the Examiner.  
Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.